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Growing food to save money

Rising tuition and gas costs has some thinking of alternative ways to save their money

BY ROBERT DOWNS

STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

In an era of rising tuition costs, many students are willing to go the extra mile all in the name of saving what few pennies they have in their bank accounts. Many students take drastic measures to safeguard their assets, but few have pursued a seemingly worthwhile concept: growing food to save money.

According to a Statesman survey of 50 students, 46 percent of students said that they would be interested in gardening to save money, if properly informed of a cost-effective method to do it. This questioning of cost-effectiveness raises a pertinent question: Can gardening actually save enough money to be worthwhile?

Charlie Nardozzi, a senior horticulturist at the National Gardening Association and author of the book "Edible Gardening For Dummies," made clear how gardening could be worthwhile for students looking to save money.

"[Gardening] can be worth the time and effort, but it all depends on the set up you have," Nardozzi said.

According to Nardozzi, in order to make the most of your effort, an organized system must be in place. An expedient growing system entails extending the length of the typical growing season by planting foods indoors in the spring and moving them outside during the

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SA hopefuls wait for election results

BY SARA JOCHEMS & ZACH McBRIDE

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As the weather begins to fluctuate, things heated up as student elections took place in MWAH 195 Tuesday morning. Four students took the floor to answer in-depth questions on why they felt they would be the best representatives for the university.

Current Student Association (SA) president Thomas DeMinico asked questions ranging from liberal education and school spirit to their opinions on the 300-foot rule.

"The reason behind asking such a variety of questions is to give each candidate a better understanding of the person he/she is running

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Search for new dean underway

BY CORY CLAESON

Contributions by Sara Jochems

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The search for a new dean of students is in full swing as the search is down to two candidates: Dr. Kimberly R. Allen and Dr. Matthew Aschenbrener. On Monday, April 21, Student Association (SA) members met one of the candidates Dr. Allen.

According to SA members, the position has been open for some time. The university employment Web site, shows that the dean of students position has been open since Jan. 16 of this year.

Currently, Allen is working as the special assistant to the dean of the College of Nursing at the University of Missouri, St. Louis. She

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One of the first things you need to do when getting your garden ready is to prepare the soil for planting. Here are the first few steps.

1

Prepare the soil by breaking it up. This will help with drainage issues.

2

Remove all rocks and weeds as you go, pulling out the weeds at the root.

3

Amend your soil by adding compost, manure or peat to it.

Minn. Congresswoman spoke at UMD

BY DAYNA D. LANDGREBE

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On Monday, UMD hosted fourth term elected Congresswoman Betty McCollum to speak as a part of the Ben and Jeanne Overman Distinguished Speaker Series about her public career as an advocate for education, health care and civil rights.

McCollum represents her hometown of St. Paul and Minnesota's fourth district in the U.S. House of Representatives.

McCollum was asked to speak at UMD based on her outstanding record of political contributions to international aid, as well as children's, women's and human rights.

In her speech, McCollum addressed the importance of living in a world where we can help people right now.

"Peace, human dignity and a commitment to ending needless human suffering; these principles should be reflected in our country's foreign policy," said McCollum.

She stressed that these values should build the kind of world we want our children to live in.

In a room of professors, citizens, advocates and a few students, McCollum said that the U.S. doesn't need to be a superpower but a super-partner in the world game.

She addressed the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDG) set in 2000 by the United Nations to be achieved by 2015 and stressed that there is much more work to be done.

"The United States has the ability, the resources and the moral obligation to work in a partnership with other wealthy nations and make the investments needed to achieve these MDGs," said McCollum.

As a world traveler, McCollum has seen Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Sudan, some of the most difficult and war-torn countries.

"I've had the opportunity to meet kings and queens, but the experiences that have left the biggest mark on me are the faces, words and courage of the people I've met in the poorest corners of the globe," said McCollum. "What I've come to realize is that their future and fate is in part of my hands and yours."

Following her speech, McCollum answered questions, some heated, from audience members, including about what the U.S. needed to address right here at home as well as abroad.

She answered, "Yes, we have poverty and needs here in the U.S. We need to invest in our children and families at home, but within our resources we have, we can do so much more for our own citizens and those in profound need beyond our borders."

In giving back to other countries as well as our own, McCollum also acknowledged the Overman series, which exemplified the idea of helping others through giving back.

The series, through which McCollum spoke, hosts a speaker every other year that keeps the



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Congresswoman Betty McCollum spoke on Monday about her career as an advocate for civil rights, education and health care.

mission of bringing leaders who show strong achievement through learning, hard work and giving back to the community.

"It's [the series] really about giving back. The Overmans spent a lifetime giving back to their community," said the Linda Krug, dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

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summer.

"If you want to get a real quick jump [by growing things inside], the best way would be to grow things in containers or a small raised bed," Nardoizzi said. "They'll actually grow a lot faster than they would outside. Baby greens you find in grocery stores can be harvested within 20 days of planting. Radishes also harvest quickly, within 20 to 30 days."

In the same survey, 53 percent of students indicated that they would not be interested in gardening because of the time constraints they deal with in college. However, some students, such as freshman Tony Koop, have taken to gardening as a hobby and as a way to grow some of their own foods.

Koop grows plants out of his parents' house most of which are tropical plants such as cacti, African violets and Angel's Trumpets, but has also grown his own bananas and tomatoes. For Koop, the biggest problem with growing plants is not the time constraints, but the tremendous

amount of space taken up by the plants.

"I have a greenhouse set up in the fall and the spring, and then move all of my tropical plants outside," he said. "I have four gardens set up and leave some on the porch in my backyard. My parents have been very cooperative."

Other students, such as freshman Ian Rea, do not see the point in exerting so much effort in the name of saving money.

"Gardening takes time away from homework, but you also run the risk of your plants failing," Rea said. "What if I spent all of that time gardening, and they weren't even edible? I wouldn't take the risk."

Some students are willing to run that risk, and according to Nardoizzi, it will pay off in the end.

"It does take some time and thinking, but once you get a working system down, you can produce enough food to make it worthwhile," Nardoizzi said.

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Students unfamiliar with Asian Awareness Month

BY ZACH McBRIDE
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It's the month of April and for students, it means the end of snow and the beginning of sunny weather. For the students of the Asian Pacific American Association (APAA), April means getting the word out about Asian Awareness Month.

Senior Yeleng Vang has been a part of the APAA for four years and said that there is more to being Asian than just Chinese.

"A lot of people, when they think Asian, just think of Chinese," Vang said. "The purpose of Asian Awareness Month is to educate people about other cultures that can be classified as Asian: Vietnamese, Hmong, etc."

What is interesting to note is that many UMD students don't know that April is Asian Awareness Month. One of these students is sophomore Tommy Altendahl.

"I wasn't aware we were celebrating their [Asian]

culture," Altendahl said. "It is something that I am fully interested in."

Altendahl feels that since Asian Awareness Month is important, tables are a good idea of getting people informed, but also feels that putting up posters in the hallway or something on the UMD homepage would be just as effective.

"I feel that this could get students better informed," Altendahl said.

Freshman Sam Olson was also unfamiliar with April being associated with Asian Awareness Month.

"I wasn't aware, but it is always great to get people better informed about certain cultures," Olson said. "You always hear when it is Black History Month or even Women's History Month."

According to Vang, the APAA has had tables set up all month down by the bookstore, which has offered the UMD students insight into Asian culture.

"We've given out food samples, information and facts

about Asian culture," Vang said.

The APAA provides visitors with a pamphlet on interesting facts and tid-bits about Asian culture that they feel many people do not know. For example, the games Chutes and Ladders and Parcheesi originated in India.

Another interesting fact APAA provided in their pamphlet pertains to the popular condiment ketchup.

Although many people put ketchup on things such as hamburgers, potatoes and grilled cheese, the word originates from Malay and, according to the pamphlet, is called "Koetsiap," which means seafood sauce.

Vang said they would love for students to stop by their table and try some food and learn something new about Asian culture.

"People can also have a new snack when that midnight hunger kicks in," Vang said.

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Armed robbery near UMD

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Typically a quiet residential area, Sgt. Sean Huls of university police said that around 5:04 p.m. Tuesday, a 911 call was made from the neighborhood of Missouri Avenue in the Kenwood area, just west of UMD.

"Our officers and Duluth police go by the same police channel," Huls said. "We have a close working relationship so two of our officers went to the scene."

Huls said that one white male and two black males entered the unlocked door and pointed a firearm at the residents who were home at the time.

"The residents were five UMD students," Huls said. "Personal property was taken from the home, and luckily, nobody was injured."

According to the uni-

versity police report, the suspects fled on foot and were unknown to the victims.

The report also states that several neighbors in the area saw the suspects walk around the neighborhood shortly before the incident.

Huls wants to remind others that this appears to be a random act.

"This was a really surprising incident," Huls said. "Make sure to take appropriate security measures like keeping doors and windows locked at all times and even close your drapes when you are away."

Huls also pointed out that people should never walk alone at night, carry a cell phone and have the appropriate keys ready.

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against," DeMinico said.

Three topics that were readily discussed at the meeting include liberal education, school spirit and the 300-foot rule.

Liberal Education

Running for her third term as Academic Affairs representative, junior Ashley Brown said she has a passion for making changes on campus with liberal education.

"Change is needed," Brown said when addressing the ten-category liberal arts portion of students academic class load. "The current liberal education system is hard for students to understand."

Sophomore Anna Lundberg is running for 2008-2009 SA president. She too was passionate about the current liberal education process.

"When I came in as a freshman, nobody helped me," Lundberg said. "I had no idea what liberal education meant. The advisors then told me to just get them done within the first two years of schooling instead of mixing it up."

Lundberg is currently a student advisor and said that teaching others about liberal education and the reasons for taking the classes is important.

"I feel it makes you a better person," she said. "This summer I hope to set up a camp where students and professors can go to learn about liberal education."

School Spirit

Junior Kaylee Timbers, who is running for vice president of Student Affairs, said UMD needs to get more involved.

"We should set up parades and celebrate with other groups and organizations around campus," Timbers said.

Sophomore Jason Wittrock is also running for 2008-2009 SA president. A hockey fanatic, Wittrock said that the school should have done more with the women's hockey team.

"We won nationals and didn't do anything about it," Wittrock said. "Other schools in this kind of situation would have been throwing parties."

The 300-foot rule

Wittrock said intermingling students with other citizens would be better than having a 300-foot rule.

"By not having a rule, it would give students a better option of where they want to live," Wittrock said. "There would also be no restrictions."

Lundberg believes the student district is the way to go.

"By having the student district, there would be more of an interaction between students and older citizens," Lundberg said.

Junior Eric Adams was the only student at the debate and wondered why more people didn't show up.

"SA represents the entire student body and yet nobody knew about the debate," Adams said.

DeMinico added that SA has to follow a code.

"We have certain bi-laws that [regulate what] we can and cannot do for elections," DeMinico said. "We cannot just have people with tables set up outside of the bookstore saying 'vote for me.'"

According to DeMinico, voting was Tuesday, April 22 and Wednesday, April 23, either online or in front of the bookstore.

"Winners won't be known until later Thursday evening or Friday. Fliers or a banner will be put up sometime early next week with the winners," DeMinico said.

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answered questions from SA members about her life, career and why she feels she is qualified to be UMD's new dean of students.

At the meeting, Allen said her educational background consisted of attending Truman State University in Iowa, Ball State University in Indiana and NYU.

According to the College of Nursing Web site for the University of Missouri, Allen obtained a Bachelor of Science in Child Development and Child Life, a Master of Arts in College Student Personnel and Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies and Higher Education.

At the meeting, Allen also talked about why being involved with students was important to her.

"I'm here for you, the students, to help make the university better for everyone," Allen said. "My whole life, I have liked the college process."

Part of Allen's speech on Monday, included her preferences in working on a college campus and being associated with student organizations. She finished by talking about her beliefs in student advocacy and civic engagement.

"We need students to become more involved in campus activities," Allen said. "I would want to be involved with student organizations and help promote campus activities."

SA president Thomas DeMinico asked what Allen's opinion was about UMD being labeled as a party school.

"I support UMD being a social school, but at the same time, I am not going to promote alcohol," Allen said. "The university should

be unified as one big social network."

Qualifications of the dean of students is extensive, according to UMD employment Web site: a master's degree and 10 years of full-time professional experience in post-secondary education in positions of increasing administrative responsibility.

The site includes preferred qualifications the university would like to see, including an earned doctorate in higher education administration or a related field and evidence of successful experience working with student judicial and leadership programs.

According to the site, there are extensive responsibilities the dean of students must adhere to.

Some of the qualifications include providing leadership for the office of student and community standards. This means student conduct, academic dishonesty, classroom disruption and off-campus student behavior.

Also, the dean of students must adhere to the Disability Resource Center, the Kirby Student Center, the Cultural Diversity Center and a proposed center for academic success.

On Monday, May 5, Aschenbrener will visit UMD campus from South Dakota State University, where he is currently the assistant vice president for Student Services.

When contacted over the phone, Aschenbrener's secretary said that he was out for the day.

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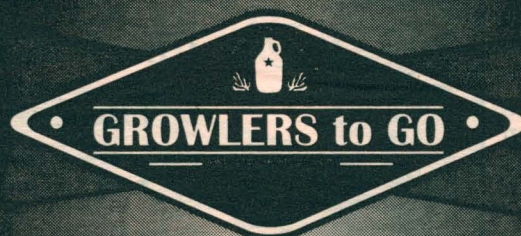
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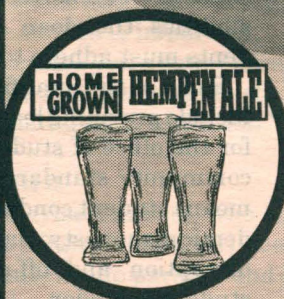
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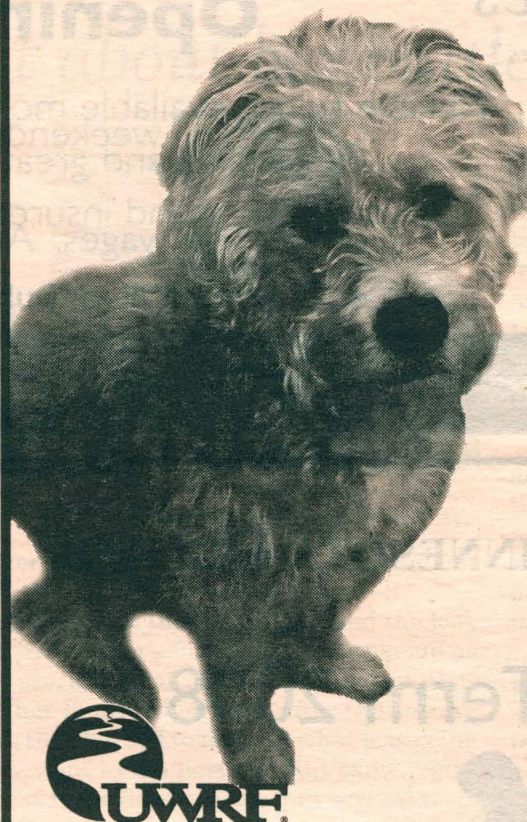
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UMD student speaks out about her battle with heart disease

BY JULIA DAVIS
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There is a two-inch-long, half-inch-wide scar on the chest of sophomore April Gottung. Underneath this scar lies a defibrillator and a story. While the machine under her skin is like all others, the story is unique. Gottung plans to share that story next week on Capital Hill in Washington, D.C., in hopes of raising awareness about her disease.

Gottung has Long QT syndrome (LQTS). This is a hereditary heart rhythm disorder that can potentially cause fast, chaotic heartbeats. The rapid heartbeats, caused by changes in the part of your heart that causes it to beat, may lead to fainting. In some cases, the heart's rhythm may beat so erratically that it can cause sudden death, according to MayoClinic.com.

Gottung lived with symptoms of LQTS for years before she was treated, and her treatment led her family members to be tested as well.

Starting at the age of 8 until 14, Gottung played a lot of sports. Sometimes, after practice or a game, she would pass out. She and her mother always assumed that she was just playing too hard, so until something more serious happened, they didn't seek much medical attention.

"At 14, I really wasn't thinking of heart disease," said Gottung. "My freshman year of high school, that all changed. One night I answered a phone call from a friend, and the next thing I remember was my mom holding me in her lap screaming my



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April Gottung, an UMD sophomore who is battling heart disease.

name. After I came to, she told me I passed out again, but this time I had a seizure as well."

Gottung described this experience and the look of fear on her mother's face when she woke up as one of the scariest parts of the entire ordeal. Gottung and her family knew that after the seizure happened, they needed to find out what was going on, so they went to the hospital that same night. For the next three days, doctors ran several tests on Gottung, attempting to determine what had caused the seizure.

"On my second day in the hospital, they ran an EKG test, which revealed that I had Long QT syndrome," said Gottung. "On the third day, I had surgery to have a defibrillator implanted in my chest."

Gottung's father and sister were also tested and

diagnosed with LQTS, and two weeks after her surgery, they both had a defibrillator implanted as well.

The discovery of this disease in her family came too late for her grandpa, who died suddenly and mysteriously 20 years ago. A recent review of the autopsy showed that he had, in fact, died from LQTS.

"It's sad to know that my grandpa could be here today if only they had known about this disease sooner," said Gottung.

After Gottung was diagnosed, she became proactive in trying to raise awareness of her disease. She joined the American Heart Association (AHA) and was soon asked to act as a spokesperson for Wisconsin, where she is originally from. She has been a part of TV commercials, newsletters and fundraising with AHA ever since.

Next week, Gottung will travel to Washington, D.C., to speak to Congress, particularly Wisconsin Congressman Dave Obey, about raising funding for heart disease research. By doing this, she also hopes to raise awareness of LQTS, so that young people and anybody who is experiencing symptoms will get tested.

"If I can help save one life by telling my story and bringing awareness to the community, it is all worth it," said Gottung.

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Career Services eases the worry of job interviews

BY CARLY McLAIN
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A job interview is one thing that every college student will likely face after graduation, if not sooner, and

UMD offers the opportunity for students to enhance their preparation.

Career Services is currently offering "mock interviews," which provide suggestions about what possible employers are looking for, such as what clothes to wear, and providing potential questions that might be asked during an interview.

"Tell me about yourself is the main question that is missed in interviews," said junior Nadia Bozadjieva, a Career Services student assistant.

What may seem like an easy question, leaves some students lost for

words.

"You get the deer-in-the-headlights look," said Sociology Professor Rob Weidner, who requires the students in his Internship Preparation course to take a specific practice interview session to pass his class.

Weidner believes that practice interviews can increase students' chances of success in the future when they have real interviews with possible employers.

"Effective communication, including both verbal and written communication, is very important for obtaining a job or internship," said Weidner. "The real [interview] can be a nerve-wracking experience, so my philosophy is that practice can only help."

Junior Lisa Ekrem considered the option.

"I might do practice interviews," said Ekrem, "just to get the experience."

Sophomore Bill Barton has never heard of such a thing, but when he was told what mock interviews were,

he thought that he would eventually use them.

"I will probably do practice interviews before I graduate," said Barton.

Career Services has opportunities for students to practice for future interviews.

"There are four councilors, three full-time, that [a student] can meet with them and set up an appointment for a mock interview," said Bozadjieva. "Otherwise, the councilors have workshops that go over appearances."

There are two private offices that have computers and Web cams, according to Bozadjieva, where students can go in and use interview stream to tape themselves taking an interview. Career Services also bought five Web cams that students can take home and practice using with Interview Stream, the online practice site that the university offers.

"Interview Stream allows you to pick your own questions—there are

hundreds and hundreds—shows behavioral style questions and shows [students] what many employers are looking for," said Bozadjieva.

There are still some students, however, who don't find mock interviews necessary.

Junior Dan Frye hasn't done practice interviews and doesn't think that he will do any before he graduates.

"I have done a lot of interviews in the past," said Frye, "so I don't think that they will be beneficial to me."

Senior Aaron McCormick agreed.

"I don't really think that they are necessary," said McCormick. "I have already had a lot of practice with interviews with the interviews that I have done to get [past jobs]."

Due to confidentiality agreements, students who have used the "mock interview" option, provided by UMD's Career Services, were unable to be reached.

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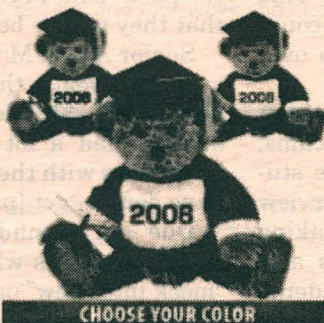
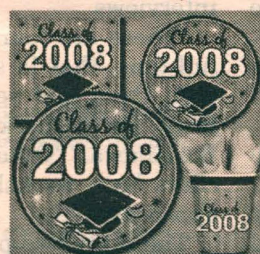
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Concerts; a nice stress relief

Being able to bring bands to the university at a cost of \$5 a ticket for students is one of the great privileges of being a poor college student. Ben Folds and Ben Lee brought a fresh and funky beat to the Romano Gymnasium Sunday evening while Jennings brought a melodic atmosphere to the Ballroom on Tuesday evening. Despite standing out in the cold, the Folds concert went well and was just what a lot of us were looking for.

It had been a couple years since we've had a popular band on campus and we lucked out with two in the same week, Mason Jennings and Ben Folds. Popular bands in the past included Yellow Card, Fall Out Boy and The Black Eyed Peas. Both Jennings and Folds being a little off beat, brought a fun and entertaining show to UMD during a time when students are beginning to feel the stress of the end of the school year.

Folds and Lee were able to make a stressed-out student crowd fill the room with laughter and applause while they told jokes and got the crowd involved in the show through call- and-response lyrics. Although Jennings's atmosphere was a little less comical, the atmosphere was very relaxing and pleasant in the dim UMD ballroom.

Both concerts gave students the opportunity not only to come together in one place but also to celebrate a little Bulldog pride as well. The Kirby Program Board did a nice job and timed the concerts far enough away from finals that students had time to attend them while releasing the stress of another closing school year.

As students of the university we think that many of us can attest to the fact that a place to hold more concerts would be beneficial and would allow for a more suitable place for bigger bands to play. The ballroom and gymnasium seemed to have served their purpose, yet an auditorium of appropriate size would provide both better sound and seating for students and other general audiences.

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OPINION

Positive neighborhood segregation

BY JARED DYRDAHL

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This year has seen a number of proposed zoning laws that have attempted to restrict where college students can call home in Duluth. The latest assault comes as the result of a proposed zoning law that will limit the number of college students living in predominately residential neighborhoods, according to an article published by Amanda Daniels in last week's Statesman titled, "Student Housing."

Another recent Statesman article, "Student Housing on Councilors' Minds," written by Mike McGrath, states that many Duluthians are taking issue with inadequate parking, too many parties and the symbols of living the college life (beer cans galore) that are making communities which were once vibrant, look trashy.

The same article relates to us that, in order to resolve this issue, the city council is looking at developing a "young professional housing district" that would contain a majority of Duluth's college population and "cater to the needs of students with rental properties and recreational activities in one concentrated area."

This issue brings up questions such as, "Is it right to disconnect students from their campus by quarantining them in a single area away from school?" The answer to this

question is "absolutely, yes."

The popularity of places like Campus Park and Boulder Ridge is evident by the amount of students who live there, so why not create this on a larger scale?

The proposal would actually improve upon these facilities. It would create a living environment where students can live in close proximity, have mass transit services (a key issue when gas prices are soaring), have necessary amenities close at hand and Duluth residents can have their neighborhoods back. Most importantly, this will give students autonomy over the culture of a neighborhood that is uniquely theirs.

In addition, the proposal may actually serve to make renting cheaper. According to the McGrath article, the idea of creating a student neighborhood would help students by, "relieving pressure in neighborhoods and cause landlords to lower rent, because students will be attracted to the high-density areas and away from single family homes."

So, in addition to all of the aforementioned perks students would also have more affordable housing in areas that are not so far removed from the fine amenities that Duluth has to offer. In the end, this is probably the best scenario to meet the living needs of Duluth's residents and college students.

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EARTH DAY 2008 EVENTS



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Earth Day festival still goes on, despite weather

BY CORY CLAESON
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Students and members of the community braved the rainy weather this past Saturday to celebrate Earth Day at Leif Erikson Park.

The event was created to raise money for environmental causes in the Duluth area. The money raised will go to environmental education centers and future environmental activities. The festival was hosted by the UMD Earth Club.

"The festival is [a chance] to hang with some good friends, support a good cause, and think of Mother Earth," said senior Jeremiah Peck, who was working at a vendor shop.

The festival consisted of environmental clubs, music, food vendors and various craft shops. Some of the environmental clubs included the UMD Earth Club and the Sierra Club.

The craft shops were environmentally themed to celebrate the day, and some of the shops included glass art, cleaning products and Native American jewelry. Clothing, consisting of environmental

friendly materials, could also be purchased at the event.

"[The festival] lets the community know what is going on environmentally," said senior Mike Olsen from the Sustainable Twin Ports organization.

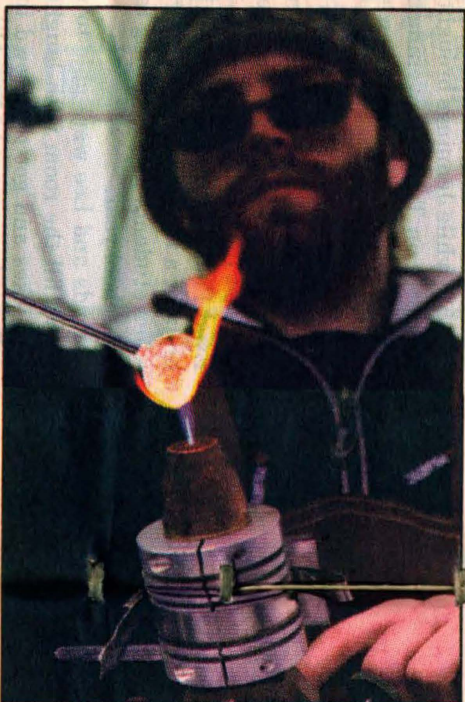
Students came for a variety of reasons, and the festival got people to socialize and collaborate about the community, according to Olsen.

"I needed something to do, and I'm an environmentalist," said sophomore Sam Lobby. "The festival is definitely a good thing."

The food at the event consisted of vendors from Fitger's Brewhouse, Burrito Union and the Third Street Bakery among several others.

Some of the events included a kubb tournament, a lawn game where you knock over wooden blocks by throwing wooden sticks at them. There was also live music on the park stage and a raffle for \$1,000 in prizes.

"We try to get a wide array of activities so there would [be] something for everyone," said senior Earth Club member and Earth Day organizer Kris



TOP LEFT: The members of K9 Heartsounds rock out despite the cold and rain.

ABOVE: Dan Neff with Neff Glass shows off his glassblowing skills.

McNeal.

This is the third year of the Earth Day festival. The reason it formed was due to a lack of education about the environment.

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On a rainy Saturday in Portland Square cleaned up for Spring



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As rain steadily drizzled down on Saturday afternoon, approximately 90 UMD students gathered at Portland Square to nab some trash in the Spring Clean Up.

The clean up, arranged by the Better Neighbors program of the Student Association (SA), took place last Saturday with sororities, fraternities, athletic teams and student groups who came to better the environment and community.

"We had almost 90 people show this year. That was way, way, way more than I was hoping for," said Better Neighbors coordinator Molly Causse. She said that this year's turnout was much higher than years previous. "It's exciting because there are so many of us."

Some groups did the clean up to fulfill service requirements while others were just cleaning for the cause.

"This is my second time doing this [clean up], but we've been doing this for years," said Alpha Phi Omega member Josh Gillson. The fraternity asks its members to fulfill a service requirement of 30 hours of volunteer work per year.

This isn't the first time for clubs like the community club, either.

"We're just out here picking up garbage, trying

to meet other people from other clubs and giving back to the community," said community club member Stacy Jorgenson.

Besides bettering the community, the groups were offered an incentive of cash prizes. Alpha Phi Omega was the group with the most garbage and was awarded \$100. The runner up, Beta Lambda Phi, received \$50. Prizes were also awarded for the most artistic piece of garbage found, which was a diary filled with a child's drawings.

The most compelling item, however, was the item that bettered the community the most from its removal. A large nail bed was found and removed by a member of the UMD women's basketball team.

Likewise, most volunteers found the project to be worth it.

"It's only a couple hours of being sticky and dirty," said Olivia Hedlund, member of the on-campus sorority Beta Lambda Phi, who helped along with 11 other members of her sorority. "We also found a paintbrush still full of paint. That was pretty toxic."

By the end of the afternoon, heaps of garbage had been piled up and seagulls had begun to circle. Rusty junk like an old, cordless vacuum, a shopping cart and a cracked leather recliner waited to be disposed of by UMD Facilities Management after the clean up.

As groups waited out the rain for the awards, they warmed up with some pizza and sodas as they stood besides pile of garbage and a cleaner community.

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ABOVE: Kelenna Onymere looks at worms from the compost bin in the UMD Children's Place last Thursday.

BY MCKAYLA BOELTER
STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

The wriggling, string-like bodies of worms dip in and out of the soil as excited eyes follow their moves about the compost bin.

This marks the first year that UMD has a vermicomposting bin on campus. According to "Leverme's Handbook of Indoor Worm Composting," vermicomposting is the scientific term for the homely art of harnessing the power of earthworms to increase the speed, ease and efficiency of composting.

With the help of the UMD biology club and

the Children's Place, UMD's Office of Civic Engagement announced at the Children's Place open house that a worm bin would be placed at the Children's Place in order to promote environmental awareness and youth education.

"We need to be educating children," said Jonathan Tupper, member of the Office of Civic Engagement and the instigator of the project.

On Thursday, the Children's Place introduced the new composting bin on campus. The 100 gallon gray bin filled with leaves, compost bedding and close to 8,000 worms has been the talk of toddlers and preschoolers for a couple of weeks.

When asked what he thought the worms might eat, one child said, "Scraps of paper. I like eating scraps of paper. I like eating garbage."

Each speaker at the open house talked about the importance of teaching children where their food goes and environmentalism in general.

"It will be children-oriented," said Jen Johnson, director of Children's Place.

Johnson pointed out that, for the most part, the children would be doing the feeding of the worms with little help from staff. The children will feed the worms their leftover scraps of fruits and vegetables about once a week and will get hands-on and visual experiences with the worms.

"Children must know where their food comes from," said international student Dorothy Tsikata, a member of the planning committee who helped bring about the vermicomposting project.

As for what the Children's Place will do with the compost made by the worms, Johnson said that they will use the compost and the juice gathered from the compost process to naturally fertilize their crop of sunflowers and pumpkins this year.

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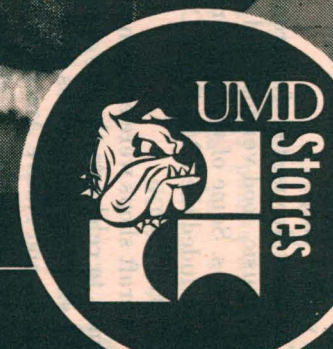
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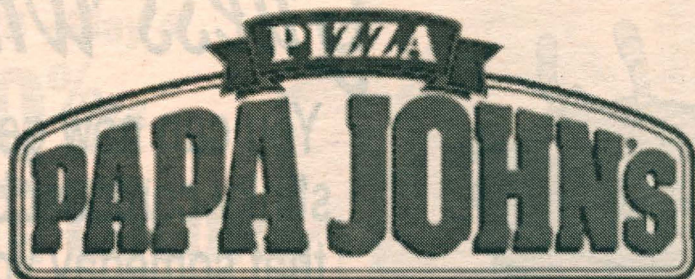
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Al Gore enters race for democratic nomination

BY BOBBY DOWNS
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In an unprecedented move Wednesday, Al Gore entered the race for the Democratic nomination for president. The move was announced just minutes after the news broke about Hillary Clinton's victory in the Pennsylvania primaries, and many political pundits are confused as to what Gore might be thinking.

Gore made the announcement on his weekly radio show, "More bore, more Gore," and went in depth as to why he would wait for such an inopportune time to enter the race.

"The democratic party is ripping itself apart," Gore said. "I need in on some of this action! I'm the global warming guy! I won in 2000 anyway. This system is a joke!"

Gore has been heavily publicized the last few years over his documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth," and has seemingly taken the title of his film as his campaign slogan.

"Let me just say that it is an inconvenient truth that I'm not in the White House right now, and an inconvenient truth that I've gained a substantially large amount of weight," said Gore. "I say



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Gore: "It is an inconvenient truth that I'm so dang awesome!"

we all go out, buy my documentary and take the democratic nomination by storm!"

Gore did pick up a key endorsement Wednesday as Mick Jagger, the former Rolling Stone and current 175-year-old man, wandered aimlessly onto Gore's stage during a press conference.

Jagger repeated "Where am I?" monotonously until Gore sat him down and said, "Mick, you're with me. Al Gore."

Jagger then repeatedly mumbled Al Gore's name into the microphone until Gore was forced to remove Jagger from the stage. Mick then turned into a cloud of dust and blew away.

The fact that it is mathematically impossible for Gore to even come within a thousand delegates of the nomination hasn't seemed to phase him at all. When asked how he was planning on generating enough campaign funding for the remaining states, Gore offered a ridiculous explanation.

"I don't need millions of dollars to win this nomination," Gore claimed. "I'm going to take Guam! Then, I'm going to take Indiana! Then, I'm going to take North Carolina! Then, I'm going to break into Barack Obama's delegate bank and steal the necessary amount of delegates to elect myself into office! I cannot be stopped! It is an inconvenient truth, but a truth nonetheless!"

When asked for comments, both Clinton and Obama did not offer any statements. This was because they were both speechless.

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BY BECCA JAMES
STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

UMD Music Professor Tom Wegren's first CD, "NORTHERN CLASS," is now available in the University's bookstore.

"NORTHERN CLASS" showcases Wegren's talent as a pianist, by including what Wegren describes as "three magnificent pianos, each with a distinctive timbre."

Containing the music of Chopin, Schubert, Joplin, De Falla and Gottschalk, all performances were recorded live.

"I do not believe in digital editing—artistic integrity is compromised. Rather, the spontaneous flow of a live performance enhances the music's aesthetic impact," Wegren said.

Accompanying some of Wegren's favorite composers is his personal arrangement of "Tribute to America" and an original composition entitled "Magic Butterfly."

"The common thread is that all the CD selections are listener friendly," said Wegren on his song selections for "NORTHERN CLASS."

Wegren, a Chicago native, began playing piano when he was about three-and-a-half, giving his first piano recital in the first grade. In more recent years, Wegren did his post-doctorate piano study at The Juilliard School and has had some noteworthy guest piano performances, including taking place at Carnegie Recital Hall and with the Chicago Symphonic Wind Ensemble, just to name a few.

Currently, Wegren serves as UMD's professor of piano, composition and theory, while also teaching a course he designed for the Liberal Education program—"Beethoven to the Beatles."

The impressiveness of Wegren's experience makes the release of "NORTHERN CLASS" seem to be a long time coming.

Wegren's wife, Lisa, proved to be a large help with the entire development of "NORTHERN CLASS." Not only did Lisa create a poem for the piece "Magic Butterfly," she also created the CD's title, he said.

"Essentially, 'NORTHERN CLASS' signifies the ambience and classical style of the music represented in the CD, while also describing this north woods geographical region we cherish," Wegren said.

Wegren is also thankful for the help he received from the photographer and designer of the CD cover Don Trueman and also for Don Schraufnagel, who is a Weber Music Hall audio engineer.

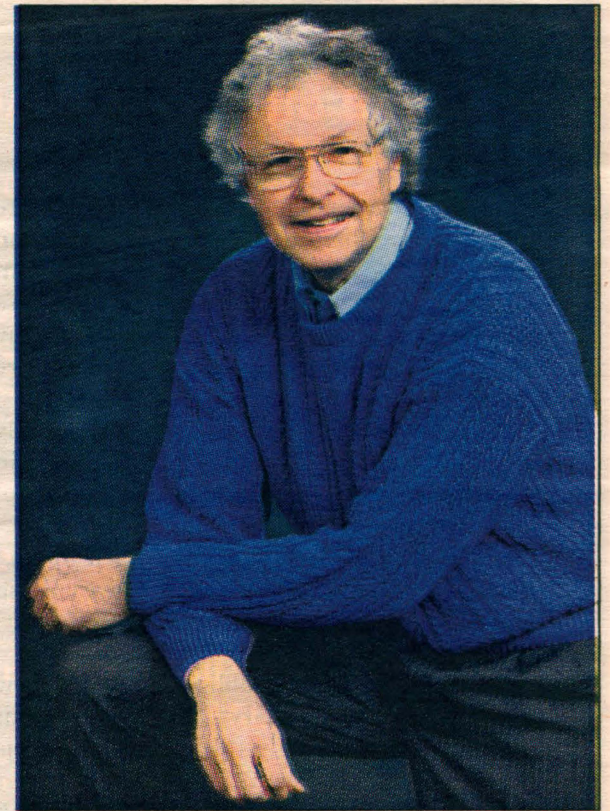
"[Recording] was a labor intensive but enlightening experience. Don's patient and professional expertise, time and again, demonstrated the importance of the soundman in the mastering process," Wegren said.

CD production also instilled an admiration for "Disc Makers" in Wegren.

"Disc Makers are polished professionals, thank goodness, because their meticulous excruciating scrutiny in all aspects of design, color and content taxed my patience and will power," Wegren said.

Wegren also notes his appreciation of UMD's bookstore "for making the CDs available to all the public and getting them out from under my piano," said Wegren.

As for the future, Wegren hopes to produce a CD/DVD entitled "DOC'S ROCK," which would feature music from the rock and pop genres while including a few DVD performances. Acting as his



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UMD Professor and former Chicago member Tom Wegren.

partner in crime this round of production is UMD Professor of English Joseph Maiolo.

"Joseph and I feel that we have found our merged artistic voice and that we might well be ready to compose a fuller work. This will almost surely open us up, along the way, to some new directions," said Wegren.

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Allie B's Hollywood HOTSPOT!

BY ALLIE BENTRUD
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If only celebrities could have the abilities that their characters have in their movies. If that were the case, then maybe Sandra Bullock, whose recent movie is "Premonition," and her husband Jesse James could have avoided a recent head-on car crash that occurred last Saturday, April 19.

According to Perez Hilton.com, Bullock and James were in Massachusetts on the set of Bullock's latest movie. The couple was out on the town when they were hit by a station wagon that crossed into their lane. The driver, 64-year-old Lucille Gatchell, had a blood alcohol level of .20, but luckily both vehicles were going under 20 mph, and no one was

injured in the crash.

Hollywood couples can at times seem like the eighth wonder of the world. They're together and apart so fast (Gerard Butler and Cameron Diaz), and sometimes they aren't even an official couple, despite acting like one (Chris Brown and Rihanna). Nevertheless, the man that made girls swoon in "The Notebook," Ryan Gosling, was spotted blatantly making out in public with recent rehabber Kirsten Dunst. When celebrities who are rarely in the public eye, like Gosling, finally make an appearance around the time one of their projects comes out, it is highly suspicious. Coincidence or not, Gosling's critically acclaimed new movie "Lars and the Real Girl" came out on DVD last week.

In other couple news, Kanye West and his fiancée Alexis Phifer have called off their engagement. In a statement Phifer, a clothing designer, made to People.com, she stated that she and West remain friends but are in fact broken up. Things aren't totally bleak for West these days though, as his much-anticipated Glow-in-the-Dark Tour opened recently to rave reviews, according to Entertainment Weekly.

In absurd celebrity paycheck news, Madonna is in negotiations to play two concerts in Dubai for a record breaking \$25 million.

According to MTV, that roughly breaks down to \$165,000 a minute for her time. While Madonna is known for her charitable contributions and is bound to do a good deed or two with

the money, is anyone's time really worth that much money? I'll just let you ponder that while you finish your 33 cents ramen noodles.

While the writer's strike has been officially over for more than two months, some of our favorite shows are just making it back to the airwaves. Finally, "Grey's Anatomy" fans can celebrate the return of their beloved show with a new episode Thursday, April 24 at 8 p.m. Don't forget to tune in for the return of "Ugly Betty" as well, as it airs right before "Grey's Anatomy" on ABC.



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Romano fills for Folds



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REVIEW

BY ROBERT DOWNS

STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

As the lights went off in Romano Gymnasium and blue light illuminated the stage, the crowd in Romano gymnasium began chanting, "Ben, Ben, Ben!" as Ben Folds and his three-piece band stepped onto stage. You might have thought Elvis himself had walked into the gym to entertain the young crowd.

From the start of the show, it seemed like the three piece band couldn't produce the same energy that made Ben Folds Five so likable, but as the band played familiar favorites such as "Gone," "Rockin the Suburbs," and the Dr. Dre cover "Bitches ain't Shit,"

Folds played off of the crowd and showed the audience why he's been around for so long in the first place.

Folds utilized the time he had between songs to command the crowd, which he needed, as his songs began to bleed together towards the middle of his set.

Folds broke the mold with his masterful piano playing with "You to Thank," which stunned the crowd, as he put three pieces of tin onto the piano's strings and turned on the distortion. The song built up to a frenzy and was received exceptionally well as Folds mashed his hands on the keys, destroying any preconceived notion that a 42-year-old man didn't have any kick left in him.

As the main set was winding down, Folds played one of his most impressive songs, "Narcolepsy." As the harmonies and energy picked up, so did the intensity felt within the crowd. The blues piano played at the break reinforced the belief that Folds may be one of the best rock piano players playing music right now.

To end the show, Folds assigned the crowd harmony parts and directed the crowd from the stage, displaying his complete control of the audience. As he cut the crowd off and left the stage, it was obvious that the fans would not be content until Folds and his band reclaimed the stage. Of course, they did.

Folds' encore set was good, but was clouded by technical issues from the drummer's cymbal microphone. His encore song "One Angry Dwarf and Two Hundred Solemn Faces" was a good note to end on, as he sang the lyrics "kiss my ass goodbye" repetitively.

Folds' energy, vocals and sound may have dulled down at some times during the show, but overall, the performance was strong because of his skill to command a crowd. His piano playing was absolutely superb and left the crowd satisfied.

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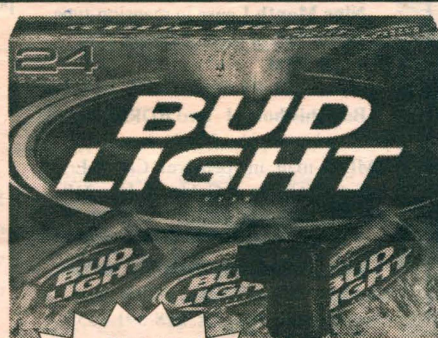
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SOFTBALL

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then on, UMD had complete control of the game and added five more runs to complete the first part of the double header and give them the 9-1 victory.

"The difference [in the team's play] is that we are starting to play more as a team now," said Banford. "The pressure was on to win, and they all responded."

The second game started off much the same as the first with the Bulldogs scoring off another sacrifice fly to center by Zech. The game was very much different from there on out though, with North Dakota scoring in the fourth off of a sacrifice fly to tie up the score.

The Sioux hit two home runs in the sixth, and UMD countered by scoring off yet another sacrifice fly. Two more Sioux players took pitches and gave North Dakota the 5-3 win for the split on the day.

"It was a total team effort today," said Banford. "We had opportunities in the second game, but couldn't get the job done."

The Bulldogs will be playing in the Minnesota State University-Mankato Classic tournament this weekend where they will look to extend the current streak of good play that has helped them as of late.

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BASEBALL

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he knocked in three runs.

On Sunday, UMD packed up and headed west to Grand Forks, N.D., as they took on UND in a road-trip rematch.

In game one, the Bulldogs exploded for 16 hits, as they beat UND 14-11. David Olson had a monster game, racking up a home-run, three runs, four hits and five RBIs. Centerfielder Doherty also provided a spark by stealing home in the second inning.

In game two, the hot hitting continued for both teams, but it was UND coming out on top, beat-

ing the Bulldogs in a 15-13 slugfest.

Bryan Denisen, Corey Goblirsch, Dallas Jagiela, Scott Sorensen and Heieie all homered for UMD.

The Bulldogs will be in action today at 2 p.m. against Winona State, and will play four games against Mankato State this weekend. All games will be in Duluth at Bulldog Park.

"It'll be fun. We always want to play our best baseball at the end of the year," Riens said. "The weather is much better, and it will be an opportunity to make up some ground and finish strong."

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Senior second baseman Corey Goblirsch slides safely back to first base.

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Coach Bauer resigns

BY ZACH GRILL

STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

For the fourth time in four years, the UMD women's basketball team will be looking for a new head coach.

Former head coach Tanya Bauer resigned on Monday, April 21, after only one year at the helm of the Bulldogs.

"Obviously this comes as a shock to us," said assistant coach Kevin Chaney. "None of us could see this coming. I don't think she could see it coming."

Bauer left UMD to take an assistant coaching position at Southern Illinois, a Division I school, according to the UMD Web site.

"She thought long and hard about it," Chaney said. "An opportunity presented itself, and she decided to take it."

During her only year as head coach, Bauer led the Bulldogs to a disappointing 4-23 record, including a 1-11 mark in the North Central Conference.

This kind of coaching turnover is nothing new to the seniors on the team, who have had a new coach each of the last four years.

"They are a close-knit team; they bonded last year," Chaney said. "This is all they [the seniors] know. They can handle it, and they will help the younger players."

The quick exit of so many coaches makes it hard for the program to recruit players and build a winning team.

"Recruiting will be a challenge," Chaney said. "This definitely isn't positive publicity and in competitive sports, you don't want any kind of negative publicity."

Looking forward to next year, Chaney hopes that the team can return to the winning status of the program's history.

"We will continue to persevere," Chaney said. "They are very strong student athletes, and they will persevere."

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Track shines at home

BY ZACH GRILL
STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

The UMD track team had a series of successful performances last week, as a school record was broken and a pair of national provisional standards were set at the Bulldog Open last Thursday in Duluth.

The women's team was led by freshman thrower Melissa Smith, who broke the school record and also topped the national provisional standard in the women's discus throw with a distance of 144'0", according to the UMD Web site.

Junior Liz Palkie also bettered the national provisional standard in the 800-meter run with a first place finish and a time of 2:14.30.

Other Bulldogs to place first in their events were sophomore hurdler Rebekeh Kok in both the 100- and 400-meter hurdles and freshman thrower Elizabeth

Crane in the shot put.

While the women's team had strong showings in the throwing events, the men's team was led by the distance runners.

Junior distance runner Erik Atkinson won the 5000-meter run with a personal best time of 14:55.72, and senior middle-distance runner Jared Clementson finished first in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:53.72. Senior John Kallemeyn was also a first place finisher, winning the 3000-meter run with a time of 8:58.23, according to the Web site.

Both the men's and women's teams will be heading to St. Cloud this weekend to participate in the North Central Conference (NCC) Heptathlon and Decathlon on April 28-29.

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Fighting Penguins will play for Division II national title

BY ZACH GRILL
STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

The UMD Fighting Penguins women's rugby club will be playing for the Women's Collegiate Division II national championship on Saturday, May 3 at Stanford University in California.

The Penguins returned to Duluth Monday after winning the first- and second-round games of the tournament in Albuquerque, N.M.

"It was like a dream," said senior Nicole Benjamin. "There were 48 teams there, and ESPN even covered one of the fields."

The national media coverage wasn't the only thing that caught the eyes of the team. The change in scenery from Duluth was fairly extreme.

"There was brown dirt all around, and then, there were these eight green rugby fields," said senior Jamie Zarembinski. "It was in the middle of the desert. It was awesome."

UMD defeated Western Washington University, 34-17, in the first round and followed that up with a 32-14 victory over Claremont College.

"The competition was pretty much what we expected," said Benjamin. "But, we were definitely the biggest team there, like height and size."

Team members noticed a drastic difference in size and style during their semi-final game against Claremont. It was so noticeable that their coach jokingly compared their opponents to a tennis team.

"They were a lot smaller than us," Benjamin said.

Size wasn't the only difference between the two teams. Their styles of play were also very contrasting.

"They had the speed, but we had the size. The pure strength and muscle," said senior Elyse Dornhecker.

Although the competition was tough, the Penguins believe that their biggest adversary was the change in climate.

"The altitude, heat and dry conditions were probably our biggest problem," said Dornhecker.

The high temperature and dry air forced the Penguins to use some interesting techniques to keep their bodies from overheating.

"We had all these cold towels to keep cool, and the other teams were like 'What the heck are they doing?'" said Zarembinski. "We had to explain to them that we are from a frozen tundra."

Waiting for the Penguins in the championship match will be Shippensburg University from Pennsylvania. Shippensburg upset two-time reigning champions, the University of California-Santa Cruz, in the semi-finals to advance to the title game.

"We talked to them down there [in Albuquerque], and they seemed cool," Benjamin said. "They have never been there either."

The team is looking to get some more fundraising done before heading to California next week. They are planning a spaghetti feed and are also hoping to do some fundraising at a tournament this weekend in St. Cloud.

"Some other teams in the area have been helping us out, and that's been real cool," Benjamin said. "We still need more though, so keep your eyes peeled for fundraiser flyers."

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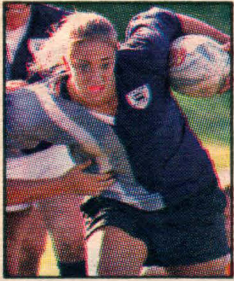
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Swinging into action

BY ARIK FORSMAN
STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

After scoring 10 or more runs only three times in their previous 27 games of the season, the UMD baseball team was in the depths of a six-game losing streak.

Last week, the bats woke up.

The Bulldogs broke out of an offensive slump by scoring 62 runs in six games, and snapped the losing streak by winning four out of their six games last week.

"We did good," said head coach Bob Rients. "[We] had the opportunity to do a little better, but winning four out of six games is good."

The action started last Thursday, in a doubleheader against the Bemidji State University (BSU) Beavers in Duluth. The Bulldogs rolled behind the Tony Doherty's four RBIs in game one, taking down Bemidji State 11-0.

After blowing out the Beavers during game one, UMD got a win in a more dramatic fashion in game two. The Bulldogs capped their first home doubleheader of the



Sophomore Bryan Denisen checks his swing in a game against Bemidji State.

season with a walk-off home-run by sophomore Brian Burman, as UMD beat BSU 7-6 for the doubleheader sweep.

On Friday, the University of North Dakota (UND) Sioux rolled into town. UMD pitcher Kyle Zweber shut down the Sioux in game one of a doubleheader, giving up two runs in seven innings and striking out six, as UMD cruised to an 8-2 victory. In the sixth inning, the Bulldogs took advantage of four UND wild pitches, three walks, an error, a beanball and a balk

to score sevens runs, turning a nail-biter into a blowout.

"We hit a three-run homer. The pitcher was rattled and lost his composure, and we took advantage of that," Rients said.

During the second game, UND rebounded to beat the Bulldogs in a slugfest, 14-9. Neither starting pitcher lasted three innings, as the two teams combined for 25 hits and 5 errors. Bulldog shortstop Andrew Heieie continued his hot hitting, as



BASEBALL to page 21 Senior pitcher Kyle Zweber (13) hurls one toward junior catcher Tyler Bloms.



TYLER SWEENEY / STATESMAN

Junior Myriam Trepanier hits in a run.

Softball team beginning to heat up

BY KJESTINE STEINBRING
STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

The Bulldog women's fast-pitch team is back in contention for first place in the North Central Conference (NCC) thanks to a streak of winning play last week.

After hitting somewhat of a slump about a month ago and dropping eight games

in a row, the Bulldogs came roaring back, beating 6 of their past 8 opponents. Hosting six of the games here in Duluth this past week, the women were looking to build off of a sweep of South Dakota State with another one Tuesday afternoon against the University of North Dakota (UND).

Things started off well for the Dogs, scoring right away in the first inning off of a couple passed balls by UND. Then the Dogs used a sacrifice fly by senior Gina Zech to score the first run of the game. In the third inning, UMD used a couple errors by the Sioux to score once again; this time off of a single by

Myriam Trepanier.

"In the first game, we capitalized on their errors, which pulled the score away," said coach Jennifer Banford.

More small ball added to the Bulldogs' lead in the fourth inning, scoring two runs off a double by sophomore Whitney Olson. From

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